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TUCSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, FRIENDS OF MANSFIELD PARK HOST MUSIC, FOOD & PET FAIR ON NORTH SIXTH AVENUE OCTOBER 5

My 92.9 to Broadcast Live, Food Truck Round Up to Offer Variety of Cuisine

(Tucson, AZ)—The Tucson Symphony Orchestra, the Friends of Mansfield Park and Ward 3 Council Member Karin Uhlich will host a three-hour fair featuring music, food, face painting, roaming magicians and pets on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. My 92.9 will broadcast live from the Tucson Symphony Center (TSC) on North Sixth Avenue, just south of Grant Road. The festivities are free and there is plenty of free parking at the TSC, 2175 N. Sixth Ave., at the park and in the surrounding neighborhood. Highlights include two performances of *Pinocchio* by the TSO Wind Quintet and a pet show with celebrity judges Council Member Uhlich, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elías and TSO President and CEO Andrew Birgensmith.

The TSO **Just for Kids Opening Festival** will include two performances of *Pinocchio* by the Wind Quintet at 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. The beloved classic, complete with costumes and all the characters, is brought to life through the music of Haydn, Debussy, Shostakovich and other composers. Kids are encouraged to come dressed as Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket or the Blue Fairy to enjoy this fun family experience for everyone. There will be a chance to win T-shirts, hats or yo-yos at both performances.

After the show, kids can join in the festivities by having their faces painted and spinning the wheel to win glow-in-the-dark tattoos, toys, bubble bottles, Slinky-style springs and musical instruments including kazoos, whistles and rhythm makers. The **Tucson Food Truck Roundup** will offer everything from hotdogs to gourmet cuisine and desserts.

Across the street in Mansfield Park at the **Music and Pet Festival** read to a Handi-Dog, meet a Tucson Police Department K9 unit, representatives of the Pima County Animal Center and Pet Partners, find out about the Dawg House doggie day care and H.O.P.E. Animal Shelter, hear the **Doolen Middle School Jazz Band** and bring your pet. PETCO will provide free dog biscuits. Certificates will be awarded for best ears, best tail, best smile, best costume, best name, best hairdo, best trick, best personality and, of course, best musical talent. Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m.

“There will be something for everyone to enjoy,” Uhlich promises, “a great chance to appreciate fine music and share time with our families including our sweet companion animals.”

“The TSO is a great neighbor,” says CEO Birgensmith. “We are proud of our neighborhood and we designed our festival to bring people to it. Partnering with the Friends of Mansfield Park made it all the better.”

The TSO **Just for Kids Series** is sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, the Diamond Family Music Education Endowment Fund, the National Bank of Arizona, the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, the Arizona Commission on the Arts, the Tucson Pima Arts Council and many individual donors.

Please note: bring your chairs and blankets to the Mansfield Park Music and Pet Fair and remember to pick up after your pet. Animals must be on leashes at all times.

North Sixth Avenue will remain open during the festival.

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